Ex-Officer's Kin Sue CIA Over His Suicide

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The widow of a retired Marine Corps colonel has filed suit charging that drugs used by the Central Intelligence Agency while interviewing her husband for a job led to his suicide. The CIA denied drugs were used.

James R. Christensen, 49, of Virginia Beach, shot himself Jan. 26, eight days after a CIA interview here.

Mrs. Christensen and her daughter, Linda Anne, have filed suits at U.S. District Court in Norfolk, asking $800,000 damages.

The CIA issued a statement yesterday saying that "There is no basis for the charges made against the CIA . . . No drugs or medicines were ever administered at any time during his contacts with Agency officials."